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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EARLY VOTING HAS STARTED FOR THE ARIZONA PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting for the August 30, 2016 Arizona Primary Election has started. We would like to encourage everyone to use the voting resources available to them. Over 20,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots were mailed out on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Because of the high volume of Vote-by-Mail ballots being mailed, it may take a few days for voters to receive their ballot.

Voting Early is Easy and Convenient with Two Different Methods for Early Voting

- By Mail:
 - Voters who have requested to be on the Permanent Early Voting List will automatically receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Watch for the YELLOW envelope in your mailbox.
 - When voters receive their Vote-by-Mail ballots, the ballot can be voted thoughtfully and leisurely in the comfort and privacy of your home.
 - Vote your ballot
 - Place your voted ballot into the white ballot affidavit envelope.
 - Be sure to sign your name where indicated on the white ballot affidavit envelope.
 - Drop in the mail to go back to the Gila County Recorder's Office or hand deliver to one of our Early Voting Sites listed at www.gilacountyaz.gov.
 - Voters NOT on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) can just call the Recorder's office at 928-402-8740 or 800-291-4452 to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot to be mailed to you.
 - You can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot until Friday, August 19, 2016.
- In Person:
 - Any registered Gila County voter is invited to visit any one of the early voting sites throughout Gila County to cast their ballot early. The list of the early voting locations including their hours is available on the Gila County Recorder's website at www.gilacountyaz.gov.
 - The Gila County Recorder's Office located in Globe will be open Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm.
 - The Gila County Recorder's Office located in Payson will be open Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm – closed 12pm-1pm for lunch.

REMINDER: Independent (IND) and Party Not Designated (PND) Voters

In the State of Arizona, Independent and Party Not Designated Voters can participate in Arizona State Primaries. This means that Voters designated as Independents or Party Not Designated are allowed to choose a ballot from one of the recognized political parties and vote that ballot. Registered Independent and Party Not Designated Voters can visit www.gilacountyaz.gov and request an early ballot or call the Gila County Recorder's Office at 928-402-8740 or 800-291-4452 to order their Vote-by-Mail ballot and designate which political party ballot they want. Selecting a political party ballot in the Primary Election will NOT change a Voter's voter registration; Voters keep their IND or PDN political party designations.

For more information please call the Gila County Recorder's Office at 928-402-8740 or 800-291-4452.